

**Lake Wilderness
Citizen Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2020
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Zoom Video Call

Link: <https://maplevalleywa.zoom.us/j/99764559424>

Dial in option: 253 215 8782

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair |
| 2. Roll Call | Staff |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | Chair |
| 4. Approval of the draft July 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes | Chair |
| 5. Public Comment (three minutes per person) | Chair |
| 6. Continued Business | Chair |
| a. Budget Discussion | Staff |
| b. Algae Testing | Staff |
| c. Recruitment of New Members | Staff |
| d. KC Sheriff's Dive Team Training | Staff |
| e. Green Dumping | Staff |
| 7. New Business | Chair |
| a. Lake Wilderness Beach Closure | Staff |
| 8. Public Comment | Chair |
| 9. Next Meeting date October 20, 2020 | Chair |
| 10. Adjourn | Chair |

**Lake Wilderness
Citizen Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2020
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Zoom Video Call

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Meeting ID: 931 7692 9726

1. Call to Order

Chair Barber called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Shaw took roll call and noted we have a quorum. The following committee members were in attendance: Chair Dave Barber, Voting Member Paul Wichelmann, Alternate No. 1 Charles Benedict, and City Representative Amy Shaw (voting member). Voting Member Pat Anderson joined around 5:10pm and King County Representative Sam Whitman (voting member) arrived around 5:25pm. Betsy Bradsby, Aaron Barber, and Cheryl Bailey, all from the Lake Wilderness Preservation Association (LWPA), attended as well.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Chair Barber and seconded by Mr. Wichelmann to approve the agenda.

Motion carries 3-0

4. Approval of the draft June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wichelmann and seconded by Ms. Shaw to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes with the following changes: Change item 4 paragraph 1 minute changes to show that the secchi is monitored mid lake every week. Ms. Shaw will also update the posted March 3 meeting minutes to reflect this change.

5. Public Comment (three minutes per person)

Aaron Barber, Treasurer of LWPA – says they want to demonstrate a unified approach and solidarity between the LWPA and LWCAC, and want to make sure everyone is on line with the goals and requirements of the groups. The LWPA wants to offer support and would like to be present in the LWCAC meetings moving forward. The LWPA also extends the invitation for involvement in their meetings.

Ms. Shaw received a call from a resident that brought complaints of green dumping and also noxious weed growth on Lake Wilderness Dr., Pl., and Ln. including the nearby wetlands.

6. Reports

Ms. Shaw stated that there are no reports to review at this time.

7. Continued Business

a. Budget discussion

Ms. Shaw shared the Lake Management budget report with the Committee and focused on the education services and the aquatic plant treatment budgets. The education services budget shows the current billing from Nature Vision. Based off of their projected billing with the online education options rather than in person classes, there will be remaining funds available. Ms. Shaw said that she would like to explore what education options might be available for the remaining funds. She plans to discuss some ideas with City staff and welcomed any ideas from the LWCAC. The aquatic plant treatment budget also shows remaining funds after this recent treatment which could be used if needed later. These funds may have been budgeted for potential treatment requirement for the Ironman event.

Mr. Benedict asked what some of the other items that were listed in the budget were, and what pertained to the LWCAC. Ms. Shaw said that she would look into these budget items more and would provide and update.

b. Update on Nature Vision

Ms. Shaw shared the information received from Nature Vision that shows how many clicks there have been on the available online packets, and which packets were available. She also provided the update that Nature Vision was moving forward with online packets for this upcoming school year as well due to the unknown requirements of COVID-19 for the school year.

c. Update on Algae Testing

Ms. Shaw has been working with City Staff to test water samples at three locations on Lake Wilderness with the City's handheld CyanoFlour device. This tester can help to predict harmful algal blooms (HABs). The City has been taking samples once a month since February and now has enough information to create graphs to monitor the data. So far the likelihood of a bloom is low, as the phycocyanin (PC) to chlorophyll (CHL) ratio that is used to predict the bloom has remained low, so far less than 0.5. The formation of HABs is not expected until the PC/CHL ratio reaches 1. Ms. Shaw said that City staff may decide to test more frequently as we continue to have nicer weather.

d. Update on Lake Wilderness Park Services

Ms. Shaw shared a page from the City's website that shows what parks and lake services are currently open. Mr. Benedict asked if the restrooms are open at parks.

Ms. Shaw confirmed that restrooms are open, but that drinking fountains are not currently open.

e. Update on IRONMAN

Ms. Shaw shared that City Council voted to cancel the IRONMAN event this year, but that they are hopeful that the event can take place next year.

8. New Business

a. Post Treatment Outcome

Chair Barber has been checking on the aquatic plants in Lake Wilderness post treatment and shared that after 2.5 weeks he could still see pondweed plants breaking the water surface. He emailed Terry with AquaTechnex to check how soon after treatment the plants would react. Terry said the treatment should be taking affect soon, but to let him know if there is no effect and another treatment could be scheduled. Shortly after that conversation, the plants started to show signs of the treatment taking effect.

Chair Barber said pondweed treatment does not kill the plants, but just lays it down. He mentioned that you can see the Rush was treated successfully and the Milfoil was treated successfully. Chair Barber mentioned that the Pondweed and Lily pad in the cove north of the boat launch was getting really large. He suggests if any plants are floating on the west side of the lake that we should treat them due to the swimmers that use the west side and the conservation on the east side. Chair Barber said overall he is happy with the treatment.

Mr. Anderson says pondweed was never in the lake before, and although it is native it can grow quite large and he thinks it should be maintained. He says even raking it is difficult. Me. Benedict agrees, and says it spreads quickly. Mr. Anderson mentioned that at one time he took a way point and compared it to another way point at a later date and confirmed that it does grow quickly and takes over areas. Chair Barber said that in the future the Department of Ecology may approve of a native systemic treatment for pondweed.

b. Recruitment of new members

Ms. Shaw mentioned that she had seen this item on past agendas and thought she would ask staff what is typically done to recruit new members, but that she also thought it would be great to recruit meeting attendees. Chair Barber asks that the LWPA attends because he enjoys working with them. Ms. Shaw agrees, and suggested posting to city website and social media for recruiting other members and attendees. Mr. Anderson says there is less interest in these groups now because Lake Wilderness looks great.

Ms. Shaw mentioned that the document she referenced shows all committee member terms except Mr. Wichelmann expiring 12/2021. Mr. Benedict asked why the terms were not staggered to prevent everyone from leaving the term at the same time. Chair Barber mentioned that the terms were changed to be rotated. Ms. Shaw said that she saw several other versions of the documents, so the one

she was referencing may be an older copy. She will review the rules and procedures documents and the other versions of the member roster documents to find the most up-to-date version.

c. **Mr. Benedict Item of Concern**

Mr. Benedict asked to add a new item to the agenda to discuss the King County Sherriff's Dive practice. Mr. Benedict said a helicopter came in really low over Chair Barber's house and the lake, and was concerned that there were a lot of people on the lake at that time. The practice team was dropping into the Lake from 10ft above water surface. The practice took place in the middle of the day when the lake was busy rather than later in the day when there are less people on the lake.

Mr. Benedict also pointed out that the practice team was using a combustion engine boat rather than an electric motor. Mr. Benedict says that he understands using the combustion engine in an actual emergency response, but asks if this is necessary for a practice scenario and would prefer that they use an electric motor.

There was concern that there may not have been notice about the practice event. Mr. Anderson mentioned that it was posted on Maple Valley Website and Facebook page.

Ms. Shaw said that she would discuss the practice with City staff to gather more information and would express the concerns of the LWCAC.

9. Public Comment

Aaron Barber, Treasurer of LWPA – Noticed that the budget was approximately \$65,000.00 and asks if this is at risk of being cut due to COVID-19. He mentioned several other cities have greatly reduced their budgets in many departments including water quality, and he hopes the City will commit to maintain the budget for Lakes.

Betsy Bradsby, Member of LWPA - Said she would like to keep the boards connected. The LWPA has also been impacted by COVID for their meetings but they are trying to at least maintain meetings to keep up with their work. She also mentioned that they struggle with recruiting members and thought it might make sense to invite people to join not only if they live on the lake perimeter, but also if they frequent the lake.

Ms. Bradsby mentioned the sign at the boat launch gate for no combustion motors is falling, not obvious, and suggested maintenance of the sign. Mr. Benedict mentioned an additional sign might be needed as the gate sign is not visible when the gate is open.

Ms. Bradsby also agreed there are many noxious weeds around the roads, the wetlands, and also along the creek that feeds the lake. She believes the wetlands are a functioning part of the lake and would like to have the City look into this. She suggests having the wetlands inspected for health. Mr. Benedict mentioned the frog population is reducing around the road. Ms. Bradsby mentioned that she has noticed the same.

Ms. Shaw will discuss these issues with City staff to see how these items are typically handled.

10. Next Meeting date August 18, 2020

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.



City of Maple Valley

Income Statement Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2020 Period Ending: 12/31/2020

	Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	MTD Activity	YTD Activity	Budget Remaining
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Expense					
Department: 5501000 - Lake Management					
001-5501000-55360-110100 Salaries & Wages	8,770.00	0.00	0.00	4,400.16	-4,400.16
001-5501000-55360-210100 Benefits	2,730.00	0.00	0.00	1,665.32	-1,665.32
001-5501000-55360-410100 Advertising	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
001-5501000-55360-412331 Aquatic Plant Education Services	8,940.00	8,940.00	0.00	1,386.98	7,553.02
001-5501000-55360-412332 Aquatic Plant Evaluation Services	3,060.00	3,060.00	0.00	0.00	3,060.00
001-5501000-55360-412333 Aquatic Plant Treatment Services	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	9,040.96	10,959.04
001-5501000-55360-490250 Registration & Training	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
001-5501000-55360-491100 Intergovernmental License & Permits	0.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00
001-5501000-55360-492500 King County-Beach Monitoring	0.00	8,390.00	0.00	0.00	8,390.00
001-5501000-55360-492510 King County-Lake Wilderness Technical Servic...	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
001-5501000-55360-492520 King County-Lake Stewardship-Lake Wilderne...	0.00	10,950.00	0.00	0.00	10,950.00
001-5501000-55360-492530 King County-Lake Stewardship-Pipe & Lucerne	0.00	15,900.00	0.00	0.00	15,900.00
001-5501000-55360-492540 King County-Hydrilla Project-Pipe & Lucerne	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
001-5501000-55360-499900 Other Miscellaneous	210.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
Department: 5501000 - Lake Management Total:	44,310.00	77,700.00	0.00	16,493.42	61,206.58
Expense Total:	44,310.00	77,700.00	0.00	16,493.42	61,206.58
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:	44,310.00	77,700.00	0.00	16,493.42	
Total Surplus (Deficit):	-44,310.00	-77,700.00	0.00	-16,493.42	